

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: DIAGNOSTIC NEODYMIUM(III), YTTERBIUM(III), OR ERBIUM(III) ION-LIGAND COMPLEXES

the specification of which:

was filed on 28 February 1998 as Application No. PCT/EP98/01287

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. All factual statements made in the specification of my own knowledge are true and all factual statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Priority Claimed

<u>97200615.9</u>	<u>Europe</u>	<u>3 March 1997</u>	<u>X</u> Yes <u> </u> No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year)	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/042,354</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>24 March 1997</u>
Appln. Ser. No.	Country	Day/Month Year

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112,

(Appln. Ser. No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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